



*Cuala*  
*Hurling, Football and*  
*Camogie Club*  
**Souvenir Programme**  
of  
Re-Opening Hyde Park Dalkey  
10 Nollaig 1989

- 12.15      Senior Camogie Challenge  
              Dublin (select) v Dublin (present)  
              **Réiteoir: C. Priest**
- 1.00        Senior Hurling Challenge  
              Dublin v Wexford  
              **Réiteoir: J. F. Bailey**
- 2.30        Senior Football Challenge  
              Dublin v Galway  
              **Réiteoir: N. O' Donoghue**

Páirc de hIde, Deilginis  
10 Nollaig 1989

**Luach 50p**



**Cuala Development Committee 1987 - 1989**

Maurice Johnson, Con Browner, Johnny Sheanon, Shay Carroll, Tommy Johnson (Chairman).

# Welcome from the Cuala Chairman

## Tommy Johnson

Ba mhaith liom céad míle fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir anseo inniú go dtí ath-oscailt Páirc de hIde i nDeilginis. Ba mhaith liom fáilte speisialta a chur roimh fóirne Bhaile Ath Cliath, Gaillimh agus Loch Garman. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh taitneamh as na cluichí agus go mbeidh an imirt go bréa spórtúil.

On behalf of Cuala Hurling Football and Camogie Club I would like to warmly welcome you here today on the occasion of the Official Opening of the re-developed pitch at Hyde Park, Dalkey which has seen the 16 ft. slope removed and a drainage system installed. I would like to offer a special welcome to the Dublin, Galway and Wexford teams and officials who accepted our invitation to take part in the opening celebrations. I welcome Dublin Footballers as current Leinster Champions and Dublin Hurlers as current leaders of the Division 1, League and wish all the teams the best of luck in the year ahead.

I welcome our honoured guests here today Mr John Dowling, President of the G.A.A., Mr Phil Markey, Chairman of the Dublin County Board and Mrs Betty Coffey, Cathaoirleach Dún Laoghaire Borough Corporation who will be performing the official opening and Fr. Forrestal, Dalkey who will bless the field.

Since today will be one of my last official engagements as Chairman of Cuala G.A.A. Club, I would like to look back on three challenging yet most rewarding years. My abiding memories are of the many great friends and dedicated members I have been privileged to be associated with in the Club. Over the period there has been a great commitment within the club to maximising the potential of all our teams.

We have appeared in five adult county finals in both codes culminating in our historic triumph this year in capturing the Senior Hurling Championship and League double. In 1988 we were defeated in the Senior Football Championship decider by Parnells after many memorable victories and in 1987 defeat was also our lot in the Senior Hurling decider against Faughs. Amidst those disappointments valuable experience was picked up along the way and we also contested two Junior deciders.

However, the winning of a Senior Championship has been the driving ambition of everybody in the Cuala Club since graduating to Senior Hurling ranks in 1976 and Football in 1981. 1989 has been the year this dream has become reality. A memorable campaign has seen us capture the Senior Hurling Championship. In the first round Kevins took us to two replays and Faughs were defeated in the next round. In the semi-final a thrilling replay against Craobh Ciaran saw us through in extra time. The opponents in the final were St. Vincents and our fierce determination was all important as we took the Cup. The fairytale continued with fine displays in the Leinster Club Championship against Slasher Gaels, Lusmagh and Buffers Alley, whom we defeated after a replay. I sincerely hope that when you read this the Leinster Title (game yesterday) will have found a home in Dalkey. I would like to thank sincerely the men responsible for the Senior team whose dedication and commitment has coaxed the very best out of this panel - Jimmy Doyle, Mick Dempsey and Br. Edward. Thanks lads for a job well done.

We are here today to open our re-developed field of which we are very proud. In 1987 a Development Committee was set up to design and cost a scheme to upgrade the field to a standard suitable for Senior Competition. I was joined on that Committee by Con Browner, Maurice Johnson, Shay Carroll and Johnny Sheanon. Having established the costs involved a Fund Raising Committee led by Tom Cullen, Maurice Johnson, Desmond Cahill and Brendan Ryan and numbering 24 in total raised the necessary funds in 1988. Dick Fanning, Contractor, carried out the earthmoving works and removed mountains of Dalkey granite. Sportsground and Field Services completed the drainage works and finishing operations. We are indebted to the work of the two committees responsible for making this day possible.

I would especially like to thank our Club Secretary Padraig O'Connor and Treasurer Eamonn Brennan for their support and efforts over the last three years. Cuala has indeed been fortunate to have men of their calibre on the Executive. My sincere thanks to all the Executive Committee for their dedication to Cuala. I thank all the officials of Dún Laoghaire Corporation, the Department of Education and indeed everyone who has aided us on this project. I am grateful to our neighbours Dalkey United for the use of their facilities today.

I hope you have an enjoyable day in Dalkey.

*Tommy Johnson*

Tommy Johnson *Chairman Cuala GAA Club 1989*

# Clár an lae

12.15	Dublin Past v Dublin Present (Senior Camogie)
12.30	Juvenile Cuala U/15s
1.00	Dublin v Wexford (Senior Hurling ) 1st Half
1.30	Juvenile Cuala U/13 and U/12s
1.40	Dublin v Wexford (Senior Hurling) 2nd Half
2.10	Juvenile Cuala U/11 A and U/11 Bs
2.20	Official re-opening of Hyde Park Dalkey for Cuala G.A.A. Club
2.25	Amhrán na bhFiann
2.30	Dublin v Galway (Senior Football) 1st Half
3.00	Juvenile Cuala U/9 and U/10s
3.10	Dublin v Galway (Senior Football) 2nd Half
3.40	Welcome to Cuala Social Facilities



## **Message from Betty Coffey, Chairperson, Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation**

I am honoured as Cathaoirleach of Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation, to express our sincerest best wishes to Cuala G.A.A. Club on the occasion of the official opening of their new playing field at Hyde Park, Dalkey.

The development is a direct result of the dedication of all those associated with the club and is a credit to all concerned.

The success achieved by Cuala in recent years is remarkable by any standard and I would like to say how happy we all were when they won the Dublin Senior Hurling Championship this year. The progress of the club in the All Ireland Inter Club Championship, is in my opinion, a direct result of all the efforts made by so many over all the years.

The club's recent victory over All Ireland Champions - Buffers Alley in this championship shows how clearly hurling in Dun Laoghaire Borough has progressed over the years and it is my sincerest hope that Cuala will add the All Ireland Championship to the long list of honours that they have won in the past.

Dalkey with its unique character is fortunate to have many voluntary groups and clubs that provide facilities for our young people to expend their youthful energies, Cuala play a vital role in this area and deserve all the success they have achieved.

We wish all the members of the club many years of enjoyment on their magnificent new playing field. Once again, sincerest congratulations to all concerned.



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## Message from the President of the G.A.A. Mr John Dowling

It is a pleasure and privilege for me to be afforded the opportunity of extending this message to the Cuala G.A.A. Club, one of the traditional flagships of the G.A.A. in South Dublin. Although in existence only since 1961, Cuala is now synonymous with Dublin G.A.A.

The Cuala Club is typical of what can be achieved through the commitment and dedication of many people. In an area not generally recognised as a traditional catchment of Gaelic games just a few decades ago, the club has now reached the summit in the Dublin G.A.A. scene and could potentially take national honours this year. This phenomenal progress did not occur by accident. It required the development of organisation and structure on the ground, a vibrant and effective youth policy and the application of time and resources from many people. It also required ambition and vision from those committed to our youth, our distinctive national games and culture.

This year has been a particular landmark for Cuala in more ways than one. The club won its first senior County Championship. The club also embarked on refurbishing and upgrading the pitch and facilities to a standard appropriate to its status as one of the premier clubs in Dublin. This is an indication that Cuala is not intent on sitting on its laurels but continues to progress and lay the foundations for further success in the future. This investment in time and resources is to my mind the most rewarding investment of all, an investment in future generations of hurlers and footballers.

I would like to pay tribute to Cuala on providing a forum for the youth of South County Dublin to pursue healthy sport and pastimes which are the ethos of our games. I would also like to congratulate the Club on its achievements to date, particularly the winning of this years Dublin championship and the physical developments which have taken place.

Ar son Cumann Lúthchleas Gael agus ar mo shon féin gabhaim buíochas libh uile.

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## Message from Dublin County Board Chairman Phil Markey

Céad míle fáilte romhaibh ar tráthnóna speisialta seo. Ba mhaith liom comhghairdeas a ghobháil le Cuala don sár obair atá déanta leis an bpáirc anseo i nDeilginis agus don bhliain iontach a bhí ag an Chlub.

I am delighted to be invited out here to Dalkey to join in the pitch opening celebrations. 1989 has been a great year for Southside clubs in general and Cuala in particular. The winning of the Dublin League and Championship double for the first time was a tremendous achievement but the manner in which Cuala have represented Dublin in the Leinster Club Championship defeating Slasher Gaels, Lusmagh, Buffers Alley to reach the Leinster Final is helping to raise Dublin Hurling to a new level. County players Vinny Holden, John Treacy, Brendan Ryan, Damian Byrne and Colm Ó Giolláin are currently excelling on the Dublin team. I'd like to say a special word of thanks to the Holden family for their service to Dublin Hurlers and Footballers down through the years and to their father, Tom on his long service to Cuala.

The new field is Hyde Park in Dalkey is a credit to everyone in Cuala and I'd like to pay tribute to Chairman, Tommy Johnson and all his Committee for their efforts. The Dalkey pitch has been transformed and is now on a par with the best in Dublin and a fitting home venue for one of the finest Dual clubs in the country. I wish Cuala continued success and the best of luck in the All Ireland Series! (that's confidence)

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## Message from the Chairperson of the Camogie Board Mairéad Ni Grae

It is a privilege for me as Chairperson of the Dublin Camogie Board to congratulate Cuala on my own behalf and that of the Board on completion of the work on the grounds at Hyde Park. It is especially creditable that given the conditions under which the tenancy is held that the club embarked on the project in the first place.

It must be very satisfying for the members to have this facility at the club base and due praise must be paid to the officers and committee of the club for their courage and enterprise in reaching this final stage in the development.

I sincerely tender my every good wish for success in the future in this new environment.

Mairéad Ni Grae

## Cuala - A brief history

Cuala hurling and football club was formed in 1975 with the amalgamation of the Cuala Casements and Dalkey Mitchels clubs. In 1978 the Naomh Mhuire Camogie Club from Sallynoggin came in under the banner to form the modern Cuala Hurling, Football and Camogie Club. Cuala is the ancient name for the area from Dún Laoghaire to Bray and to the Sugarloaf mountain.

The Cuala Club is based in the Borough of Dún Laoghaire and there is some evidence of Gaelic games going back to the twenties.

In Dalkey a club called St Begnet's, Dalkey was formed in the mid-fifties and achieved some success at junior level. The name of the club was changed to Dalkey Mitchels in the mid-sixties. In 1967 they won the Junior Hurling Championship and in 1968 gained Senior status. At the same time a Junior Football club called St. Michaels played in Sallynoggin.

Meanwhile in Dún Laoghaire in 1961 with the advent of street leagues and the growth of hurling in Dún Laoghaire C.B.S., a club was formed called Cuala boys. Another club called Roger Casements was formed in 1967 and they amalgamated with Cuala boys to become Cuala Casements.

Cuala Casements had much success especially in hurling with the U/15, U/16 and U/18 championship treble being captured in 1969 and that record stands to this day. In 1972 the Junior Hurling Championship was won and in 1973 the Minor Football League Division 1.

From the amalgamation in 1975 the story for Cuala has been one of constant progress and achievement. In 1976 Senior status was attained in Hurling with the Intermediate League and Championship Double. In the same year a very fine U/21 football team captured the Championship and League double. This team by and large carried on to win the Junior Championship in 1978 and the Intermediate Championship in 1981 to attain Senior Status. Further successes were to follow with Senior Football League titles in 1982, 1984 and 1986. Again in Hurling Junior Championships were captured in 1978 and 1985, and the U/16 Championship in 1981 and the Senior Boland cup in 1986. The Senior B Camogie Championship and League was won in 1985.

However all this success and progress has been surpassed in the last 3/4 years. In 1987 Cuala reached its first Senior Hurling Championship final and lost a close game to Faughs. In 1988 Cuala shocked the Dublin G.A.A. world by beating four very fancied teams to qualify for a first ever Senior Football Championship final before losing a tight match to Parnell's. 1989 however has finally seen Cuala make history by capturing its first Senior Hurling Championship after a memorable campaign and 8 games in all to defeat the famed St. Vincents in the final. This was followed by the League Division 1 title and brilliant campaign in Leinster including a defeat of the All-Ireland Champions Buffers Alley after a replay and hopefully yesterday a Leinster Title.

From single adult teams in 1976 the club has seen a huge expansion with four adult football, three adult hurling and one adult Camogie teams and thirty teams in total. The juvenile base has been expanded considerably over the last three years.

In 1985 the Cuala Bar was opened after many years of hard work and it is now fitting that the pitch in Hyde Park has been re-levelled and is ready for action in the year Cuala have made history. This is adjacent to the club's fine Hall and Social facility in Hyde Park. Cuala also has usage of pitches in Shankill, Sallynoggin and Meadowvale. Regular Bingo takes place every Friday night.

Many players from Cuala have represented their respective counties and Senior All-Ireland medals are held by Mick Holden in football and Dave Bernie in hurling. Many many people too numerous to mention have contributed to the progress of Cuala G.A.A. club over the years, and represented the club with distinction at co-board level. New players and members are always welcome at Cuala and interested people should contact any club member or member of the executive committee.

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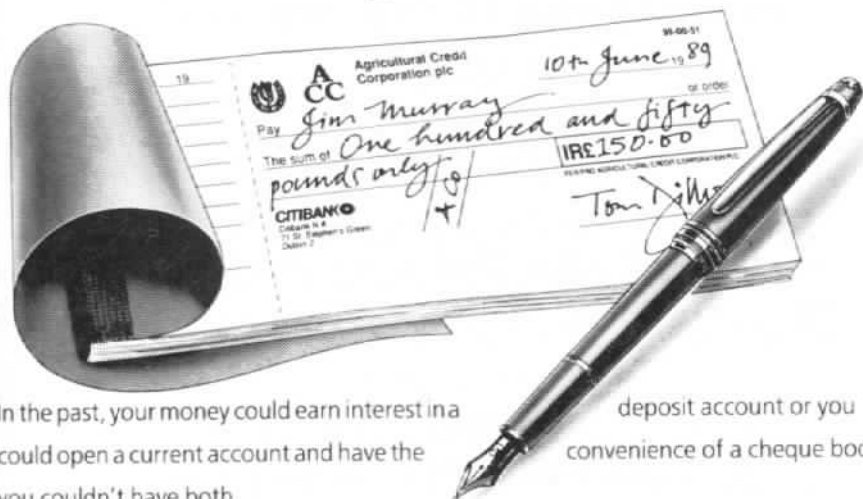
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## Dublin Present Camogie Team

Ann Byre	Ruth Lyons	Mary Keogh
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Aileen Redmond	Kathy Walsh	Joan Shields
Mary Peelo	Ann Heavy	Ger Byrne
Carmel Gray	Ailish Mullen	Mairead Cronin

## Wexford Hurling Team

1

**Ted Morrissey**  
(Rathnure)

3

**Eamon Cleary**  
(Cushinstown)

6

**Colin Whelan**  
(Buffers Alley)

8

**Ger Coady**  
(Cushinstown)

9

**George O Connor**  
(St Martins)

11

**Roy Coleman**  
(St Martins)

14

**Billy Byrne**  
(Gorey St Endas)

4

**Joe Doyle**  
(Rathnure)

7

**Liam Dunne**  
(Oulart)

2

**Niall McDonald**  
(Crossabeg Ballymurrin)

5

**John O'Connor**  
(St Martins)

10

**Martin Storey**  
(Oulart)

13

**John McDonald**  
(Crossabeg)

12

**Dermot Prendergast**  
(Monageer Boolavogue)

15

**Sean Flood**  
(Cloughbawn)

*Subs:* 16. **P. J. Dempsey** (Cloughbawn), 17. **P. Bridges** (Faythe Harriers), 18. **P. Gahan** (Buffers Alley), 19. **T. Dempsey** (Buffers Alley), 20. **E. Sinnott** (Buffers Alley), 21. **L. Gorman** (Faythe Harriers), 22. **J. Houlihan** (Rathnure), 23. **M. Morrissey** (Rathnure).

## Dublin Hurling Dublin

1

**Damian Byrne**  
(Cuala)

3

**John Treacy**  
(Cuala)

6

**Vincent Holden**  
(Cuala)

4

**Mick Holden**  
(Cuala)

7

**Ciarán O'Brien**  
(Faughs)

2

**Eamon Clancy**  
(St Vincents)

5

**Colm O Giolláin**  
(Cuala)

8

**John Ryan**  
(Ballyboden)

9

**Mick Stone**  
(Eoghan Ruadh)

11

**Vincent Conroy**  
(St Vincents)

14

**Sean Kearns**  
(O' Tooles)

12

**Brendan Ryan**  
(Cuala)

15

**Andy Doyle**  
(Kevins)

10

**Mick Kennedy**  
(Craobh Ciaráin)

13

**Rory Boland**  
(St Oliver Plunketts)

*Subs:* 16. **K. Murray** (Ballyboden), 17. **D. Allen** (St. Vincents), 18. **E. Lawlor** (St. Marks), 19. **T. Daly** (Kevins), 20. **S. Boland** (Faughs), 21. **S. Flanagan** (St. Oliver Plunketts), 22. **M. Ryan** (Faughs)

## Dublin Football Team

1

**John O Leary**  
(O Dwyers)

2

**Eamon Heery**  
(St Vincents)

3

**Mick Kennedy**  
(St Margarets)

4

**Paddy O'Donoghue**  
(Kilmacud Crokes)

5

**Ray Holland**  
(Parnells)

6

**Tommy Carr**  
(Ballymun Kickhams)

7

**Mick O' Neill**  
(St Annes)

8

**Paul Clarke**  
(Whitehall Colmcille)

9

**Paul Bealin**  
(Kevins Kilnamanagh)

10

**John Barr**  
(Erins Isle)

11

**Tommy Conroy**  
(St Vincents)

12

**Ciarán Duff**  
(Fingallians)

13

**Barney Rock**  
(Ballymun Kickhams)

14

**Joe McNally**  
(St Annes)

15

**Brian Burke**  
(Kilmore)

*Subs:* 16. J. Madden (Kilmore), 17. D. Keegan (Na Fianna), 18. A. McNally (St. Annes), 19. G. Hargan (Ballymun Kickhams), 20. M. Johnson (Cuala), 21. M. O'Callaghan (Cuala), 22. P. Brennan (Cuala), 23. L. O' Toole (Cuala), 24. D. Bolger (St. Marks), 25. J. Hayes (St. Vincents).

## Galway Football Team

1

**Adrian Brennan**  
(St. Michaels)

2

**Brian Silke**  
(Corofin)

3

**Gerry Dolan**  
(St Grellans)

4

**Francis McWalter**  
(Monivea - Abbey)

5

**Conrad Keogh**  
(Oughterard)

6

**Albert Hardiman**  
(Mervue)

7

**Aodán O Sé**  
(An Cheathrú Rua)

8

**Peter Warren**  
(Tuam Stars)

9

**Alan Mulholland**  
(Salthill)

10

**Tomás Mannion**  
(Monivea Abbey)

11

**Val Daly**  
(Mountbellew)

12

**Michael Gavin**  
(Mountbellew)

13

**Michael Culhane**  
(St Michaels)

14

**Conor O Dea**  
(Tuam Stars)

15

**Padraig O Dea**  
(Tuam Stars)

*Subs:* 16. P. Comer (Salthill), 17. S. Fallon (Tuam Stars), 18. N. Costello (Salthill), 19. S. Glynn (Caherlistrane), 20. M. Ruane (Salthill), 21. W. Forkin (Tuam Stars), 22. J. Coleman (Dunmore), 23. T. Kilcommins (St. Brendans).

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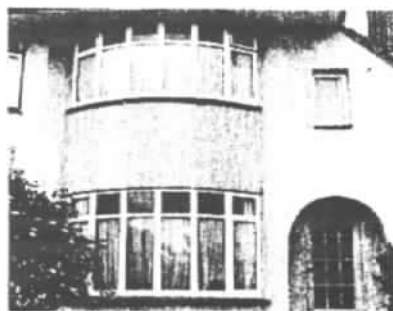
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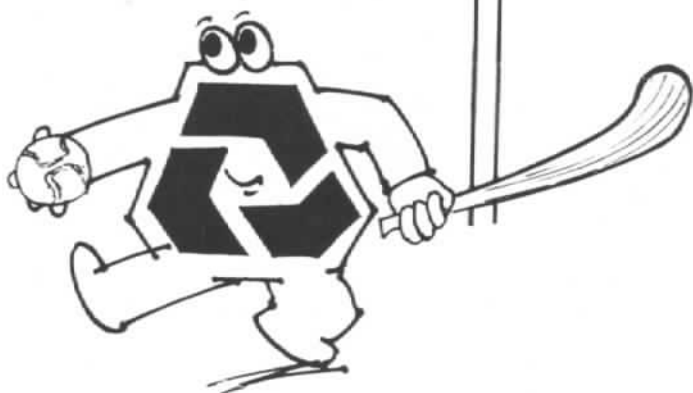
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## THE AIMS OF THE G.A.A.

The Gaelic Athletic Association is a National Organisation, which has as its basic aim, the strengthening of the National Identity, a 32 County Ireland through the Preservation and promotion of Gaelic Games and pastimes.

The Association further seeks to achieve its objectives through the active support of Irish Culture, with a constant emphasis on the importance of the preservation of the Irish Language and its greater use in the life of the Nation, and, in the development of a community spirit, to foster an awareness and love of the National ideas in the people of Ireland.

The objects of the Association shall be to foster, promote and control National games of hurling, camogie, gaelic football and handball and such other games as may be sanctioned and approved by Annual Congress.

## THE G.A.A. IN YOUR AREA

In the Borough of Dun Laoghaire lots of people seem to be of the opinion that gaelic games are not as popular as other games, but yet, when we stop and think for a moment, it can be confidentially quoted that as far back as 1920 hurling was played in the area, when a team based in the Dalkey area and which that early stage called themselves "CUALA" were actively engaged in unior hurling competitions. Some photographs in our possession taken of this team will bear out this statement.

As the years passed other Units got together in the area, in the early 1950's the present principal of Scoil Haroid, Dalkey Phoinsias O'Maolain, and a parent Jack Wallace, formed an under 13 football team, this team compeated in what was then known as the "MARIAN LEAGUE", following on from this and adult team was formed in which a number of the U/13 team formed the backbone of this team, it was called St. Begnets, this team compeated successfully in Division "C" hurling, winning same. Further progress

followed and the famous Dalkey Mitchels Club was formed, with present day members, P. O'Maolain, Noel O'Donoghue, Murt Gleeson, Mick Kennedy, John Bailed and many others were actively involved.

During this time Dun Laoghaire were not standing idly by, late 1961 and early 1962, the Cuala Boy's Club was formed and an under 13 football team was entered in the Cuala League, men of the calibre of Dick Curran, Joe Ryan, Tom Holden, Harry Morton, Johnnie Robinson, Austin Duffy, Jim Sullivan, Seosamh O'Driscoll the late Tom Collins, and after a short while Mick Dunphy, were instrumental in the founding of this Club, and were active in the promotion of gaelic games in the Dun Laoghaire area, at this stage they received good assistance from the C.B.S. Ablala Avenue. After a brief period in the Cuala League a team was entered in the South Dublin City Leagues, and success was not long away, when in 1963 this U/13 Football team won their first competition, beating Good Counsel, in Dunedin, Brother Kiely was very much to the fore in streamlining this outfit for this their first success under the auspices of the Dublin Subsidiary Boards. From then on more teams were entered in the Borough, and more trophies were won. The schools in the area competing in Schools competitions also figured prominently in those years.

## FIRST MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH

The events of the sixties proved very successful, in 1968 the first break through came in juvenile hurling when the local club won the County Dublin Juvenile (U/15) hurling championship, greater things were to come, the following year the club achieved its greatest achievement since its formation, creating a record in Dublin, that has not been accomplished by any other club, since or before, they won the U/15, U/16 and Minor Hurling Championship all in the one year. Michael Holden, present day senior inter-county hurler, figured on all three teams.

The seventy's came and again they brought their changes, and amalgamation between the Dalkey Club Dalkey Mitchels and the Dun Laoghaire Club, Cuala Casements was mooted and in 1974 after several meetings the clubs came together

and no doubt there were some teething problems nevertheless this amalgamation worked very successful, and to prove this, last year the club really hit the headlines by winning the Intermediate Hurling Championship and so have achieved the ambition of all clubs to attain Senior status, and who knows maybe it will not be too long when we will be celebrating the winning of the Senior Hurling Championship.

## JUVENILE STRENGTH

No club is complete without a strong juvenile section, and Cuala can hold their heads high in this respect. At the moment we have 8 juvenile teams competing in various under age leagues under the jurisdiction of the Dublin Juvenile Hurling Board, also a couple of very good under age football teams. We never had so many juvenile players actively involved in competitive games. With so many teams competing this also creates many problems from a managerial point of view as it takes plenty of mentors to look after the boys, preparing them for their respective games and transporting them each weekend for their various matches all over Dublin. We have at the moment teams competing in the following groups. U/10, U/11, U/12, U/13, U/14, U/15 U/16 minor and U/21's as well as adult teams in both hurling and football. As a parent of any of those boys, if you feel you can help in any way, no matter how small, please contact the Chairman of the juvenile section Mick Dunphy and he will advise you as to what you may be able to help. If you are not attached to any club at the moment and are interested in the game, why not get involved, have a chat with any of the Officers of the Club and they will give you any information or advice necessary.

The Cuala Club are very much indebted to the Christian Brothers in Dun Laoghaire down the years for their efforts in the promotion of the games at school level at a very early stage, the same can also be said of the other National Schools in the area, most of the Teachers are most co-operative and only too willing to help. The Club very much appreciate the work being done by these good people, and wish to thank them for their efforts.



## **ANOTHER STEP FORWARD**

The recent purchase of the Sports Centre at Hyde Road, Dalkey by the Cuala Club is another step forward and can only do good for the promotion and development of a Community spirit in the area and will co-operate with and actively assist other organisations, the aims of which are the promotion of the Irish language, traditional dancing music and song and other aspects of Irish Culture. It can only do good for the club, again the club make a special appeal here for people to come forward and organise for us some form of activity or other, to occupy our juveniles especially during the long winter nights. Girls, we are not neglecting you, your help in the organisation of some youthful activity would be much appreciated.

## **SUGGESTIONS**

If you have any valid suggestions, please let's hear from you. This may be of interest to outside organisations, on nights that the centre is not being used by the Club, we would be only too glad to offer same to any other local organisation in order to create a good community relations.

If you have any query that you would like to ask, any member on the Strand will be only too glad to be of assistance.